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FINANCIAL BILL.

The Measure Prepared by the Republican Caucus Committee Which Met Last Spring.

THE DOLLAR THE STANDARD UNIT.

It Shall Consist of Twenty-Five and Eight-Tenths Grains of Gold, Nine Grains Fine.

The Present Legal Tender Quality of the Silver Dollar and of the Subsidiary Coin Shall Be Maintained; Also Paper Currency.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The financial bill prepared by the republican caucus committee, which met at Atlantic city last spring, was Tuesday made public by the committee. It is in part as follows:

Be it enacted by the senate, etc., That the standard unit of value shall, as now, be the dollar, and shall consist of twenty-five and eight-tenths grains of gold, nine tenths fine, or twenty-three and twenty-two one hundredths grains of pure gold, being the one-tenth part of the eagle.

All interest-bearing obligations of the United States for the payment of money now existing or hereafter to be entered into and all United States notes and treasury notes issued under the law of July 14, 1890, shall be deemed and held to be payable in the gold coin of the United States as defined in section one of this act; and all other obligations, public and private, for the payment of money shall be performed in conformity with the standard established in said section. Nothing herein contained shall be construed or held to effect the present legal tender quality of the silver dollar, or of the subsidiary of minor coins, or of the paper currency of the United States, or the laws making national banks receivable and payable for certain public debts and dues and obligations between national banks.

There shall be established in the treasury department as a part of the office of the treasurer of the United States, a division to be known and designated as the division of issue and redemption, to which shall be assigned, under such regulations as the secretary of the treasury may approve, all records and accounts relating to the issue, redemption and exchange as hereinafter provided, of the several kinds of United States money. There shall be transferred from the general fund in the treasury of the United States and taken up on the books of said division as a redemption fund, the amount of gold coin and bullion held against outstanding gold certificates, the amount of United states notes held against outstanding currency certificates, the amount of silver dollars held against outstanding silver certificates, the amount in silver dollars and silver bullion held against outstanding treasury notes issued under the Act of July 14, 1890; an amount of gold coin and bullion to constitute a reserve fund equal to 25 per cent. of the amount both of United States notes and treasury notes issued under the act of July 14, 1890, outstanding. The gold and silver coins and bullion transferred from the general fund in the treasury as herein provided shall be increased or diminished as the case may be in accordance with the provisions of this act and in no other way.

It shall be the duty of the secretary of the treasury to maintain the gold reserve fund taken up on the books of the division of issue and redemption, as herein provided, and for this purpose he may from time to time transfer to such fund any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, or may exchange any of the funds in the division of issue and redemption for other funds which may be in the general fund of the treasury, and in addition thereto he is hereby authorized to issue and sell whenever in his judgment it is necessary to the maintenance of said reserve fund, bonds of the United States bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum, payable in gold coin at the end of 20 years, but redeemable in gold coin at the option of the United States after one year. But no transfer shall at any time be made from the general fund of the treasury to the division of issue and redemption which will reduce the general fund below $50,000,000. That all United States notes and treasury notes issued under the act of July 14, 1890, presented for redemption, shall be redeemed in gold coin at the will of the holder and all silver certificates presented for redemption shall be redeemed in accordance with existing law. The secretary of the treasury is authorized and required to use said reserve fund in maintaining at all times the parity and equal value of every dollar issued or coined by the government; also, if at any time the [illegible] of the treasury deems it necessary in order to maintain the parity and equal value of all the money of the United States he may at his discretion, exchange gold coin for any other money issued or coined by the United States.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The date of the Kid McCoy-Peter Maher fight at the Coney Island sporting club has been set for December 21.

HARPER & BROTHERS.

The State Trust Co. Has Entered Into and Upon All and Every Part of Their Premises.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The State Trust Co., as trustees of the first mortgage of Harper & Bros., issued Tuesday the following notice:

"All persons will please take notice that the State Trust Co., as trustee under the first mortgage made by the corporation of Harper & Bros., to the State Trust Co. as trustee, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 2, of Article 3 of said mortgage, has entered into and upon all and every part of the property and premises, lands, rights, interests and franchises conveyed or intended to be conveyed by said mortgage, and each and every part thereof, including the publication of the periodicals known as Harper's Magazine, Harper's Weekly, Harper's Bazar and Harper's Round Table, and that from this date and until further notice, neither the corporation of Harper & Bros., nor its agents or servants, will have or will exercise any power to use, operate, manage or control said property or premises, or to conduct the business thereof.

"The State Trust Co. has appointed Mr. G. B. M. Harvey to be its agent in the possession, operation, management and control of the said property, premises and business and until further notice he will be respected accordingly."

It is said the amount of the J. Pierpont mortgage is $3,500,000, making the firm's total liabilities $5,500,000, the creditors for $2,000,000 being unsecured.

HE FEARED EXPOSURE.

Peter Peterson, a Kansas Stockman, Committed Suicide by Shooting in the Live Stock Exchange.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 29.—Peter Peterson, of Vassar, Kan., a stockman and former treasurer of Osage county, Kan., attempted suicide in the Live Stock exchange here Monday, firing a bullet into his skull. Peterson had borrowed $10,000 from a local bank, giving a mortgage upon 300 head of Kansas cattle, but Monday the bankers discovered that he had previously mortgaged the same cattle for $14,000 and force him to refund the money. It was after the exposure of this transaction that Peterson attempted self-destruction. He is still alive.

The Battle of Enslin.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—A dispatch from Orange river, dated Monday, November 27, and describing the battle of Enslin, says: "The Boers successfully retreated. The lancers attempted to intercept and did reach them, but a severe fire, opened from a Koppe (hill) forced the lancers to retreat. Gen. Cronje was with the Boers. Among the Boer prisoners are Alderman Jeppe and commandant Ressik, who led the Boer force."

Gen. Wood in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Gen. Leonard Wood, governor of Santiago province, who has been summoned to Washington on business connected with Cuban affairs, reached the city Tuesday afternoon from New York. Tuesday evening in company with Mrs. Wood, he visited the white house and spent some time with the president and Mrs. McKinley.

Gift to University of Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 29.—The University of Pennsylvania Tuesday announced a subscription of $250,000 for the erection of a laboratory of physics. The name of the donor, a Philadelphian, is for the present withheld, but in due time the laboratory will be named after him.

Charged With Embezzlement.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Nov. 29.—N. J. Alexander, arrested in Cincinnati Tuesday through the efforts of the local police department, will have the charge of embezzlement preferred against him by W. H. Montauge & Co., coffee importers of New York city, for whom he was a salesman. A telegram accomplished his arrest at Cincinnati. The amount of the alleged embezzlement is $51. He traveled for the firm many years.

Three Deaths Within Three Weeks.

FINDLAY, O., Nov. 29.—Death seems to have a strange fancy for the family of J. J. Neeley, of Casey, Ill. Three weeks ago Mr. Neeley came here to attended the funeral of his sister, Catherine Neeley, who died while visiting at Casey. When he went home he arrived just in time to see his son's wife die, and since then two of his children have died, and he is now very ill.

AN EXCITING TRIP

The Transport Manauense Arrives at Manila Thirty-Three Days From San Francisco.

VESSEL SPRUNG A LEAK IN MID OCEAN

Since November 17, Night and Day, 400 Hungry, Exhausted Soldiers and Sailors Passed Buckets.

The Steam Pumps Failed to Work and There Were No Hand Pumps on Board—Part of the Crew Deserted at Honolulu.

MANILA, Nov. 29.—When the Manauense anchored in Manila bay Tuesday morning, 33 days from San Francisco, there were several feet of water in her hold and 400 grimy, greasy, hungry, exhausted soldiers and sailors had been passing buckets of water since November 17 night and day. First Assistant Engineer Dupleavy was under arrest, and according to Col. Webb Hayes' official report the chief engineer would also have been under arrest if there had been anyone to replace him.

The colonel's report also declares that the captain of the vessel told him that the only thing which brought them through was the fact that the men were greenhorns and failed to realize their danger, while experienced seamen would have deserted the ship and taken to the boats in mid ocean.

The Manauense is a chartered ship flying the British flag. She belongs to a firm of which Senator Perkins, of San Francisco, is alleged to be a junior member. The officers say the firm bought her for $45,000, and they claim efforts were made to sell her to the government for $150,000.

She started from San Francisco, accompanied by the transport Pekin, which carried the remainder of the regiment, and encountered heavy seas to Honolulu without accident.

After starting it developed that she was unmanned and soldiers had to be detailed to act as firemen, coal passers and waiters and to do other work. Before reaching Honolulu, the crew concluded that the ship was not safe and the majority agreed to desert. Though they were closely watched many of the crew succeeded in getting away and the Manauense left Honolulu with less than half her crew. The captain of the transport November 17, told Col. Hayes that the vessel had sprung a leak and an investigation resulted in finding several feet of water in her hold. The steam pumps were tried but failed to work, and there were no hand pumps on board. However, 46 buckets were found, others were improvised, and the soldiers not employed in working the ship were organized into five shifts and stripped and forming lines they began bailing, the officers working with the men passing the buckets, which were sent up to the deck by a windlass. The longest time a shift could stand was two hours, and often the period was not longer than half an hour. The bailing continued until the ship anchored here.

The water rose rapidly and the bailing force was doubled. But the buckets were gradually smashed and barrels and boxes were substituted for them, the men working in darkness, planks and pieces of iron shafting being violently washed among them. The firemen could only feed the fires by being lifted on the shoulders of the other men through water waist deep.

The typhoon lasted two days and a half, and in the midst of it the engines stopped. The officers then held a council and found that there were 420 persons on board, with life boat accommodations for 213.

In the meantime the men below, ignorant of their extreme peril, were passing buckets and singing "What the H— Do We Care," while the ship rolled helpless on the ocean, with hatches closed.

The heat was intense until the typhoon passed and then the Pekin, which had retraced her course about 70 miles, came alongside the Manauense which was rolling so heavily that the soldiers in the hold could at each roll see the Pekin through the hatches overhead.

Col. James S. Pettit, commander of the 31st volunteer regiment ordered the Manauense to proceed to Guam and await relief but the captain of the Manauense demurred, the officers say, because the government was renting the ship for $500 per day.

Throughout the remainder of the voyage the engines of the Manauense failed frequently and the ship would roll for a few hours while the engines were repairing. Then the steamer would proceed again for a few hours. The meat and vegetables rotted because of the failure of the refrigerators and were thrown overboard.

After the storm the water supplied to the ship at Honolulu had to be used for the boilers, and there was little or none for drinking. In fact, it is asserted that during the last week of the voyage the men lived almost entirely on whisky, beer and hard tack.

The regiment will proceed to Zamboanga on the Pekin to garrison several ports on the island of Mindanao.

Bond Redemption in New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Sub treasury disbursements on account of government bond purchases aggregated $1,188,840 Tuesday, of which $1,124,835 was paid for the five per cent. issue.

Valuable Horse Destroyed.

EATON, O., Nov. 29.—Shortly after midnight fire was discovered in the stable of Henry H. Hart, secretary of the Preble County Agricultural society. The stable and contents were a total loss, including his fine sorrel stallion, for which only three days ago he refused $1,000. Origin of fire a mystery. Loss, $2,500; insurance, $300.

Father and Daughter Killed on a Crossing.

XENIA, O., Nov. 29.—James W. Kung and daughter Nena, aged 20, of Bowersville, were instantly killed Tuesday at the Jasper crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad by train No. 21 at the eastern outskirts of this city. They were coming to town and the girl was probably driving, as the father is nearly blind and she is usually his escort.

Accused of Poisoning.

NEWARK, O., Nov. 29.—James Baker was arrested on the affidavit of his father, charging him with poisoning his nephew in Granville township last October. A small quantity of arsenic was found in the stomach of Williams. Baker denies everything.

DeKalb's Great Grandson.

MASSILLON, O., Nov. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. George Kalp celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary Tuesday. Mr. Kalp is a great grandson of Baron DeKalb, the famous German general of the American revolution.

New Ohio Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The following fourth-class postmasters for Ohio were commissioned Tuesday: Buffalo, Albert H. Wycoff; Moline, Hiram P. Wilson; Noblesville, Joseph Archer; Riota, Samuel Swisher.

Republican Politicians Fell Out.

WEST UNION, O., Nov. 29.—J. T. Little was bound over on the charge of assaulting Thomas Dalton the day after election. Dalton has sued Little for $500 damages. Both are republican politicians.

To Investigate the Tar and Feather Case.

BELLEFONTAINE, O., Nov. 29.—A special grand jury will be in session Wednesday for purpose of investigating the tarring and feathering of David Rickman and the Jacksons by a mob at West Liberty.

President James A. Hart, of the Chicago baseball club, announced officially Tuesday that the resignation of Thomas Burns, the present manager of the team, had been received and accepted. Burns will be succeeded by Tom Loftus, manager of the Grand Rapids American league team.

All the incoming vessels report terrible weather on the Atlantic. The barkentine Peggy, at St. Johns, N. F., had her decks swept, her rigging destroyed and her bulwarks battered while coming from Pernambuco. The schooner Zephyr met with a similar experience.

By a fire in the four story brick tenement building at 140 Houston street, New York, Tuesday, Wm. Heimboldt, 60 years old, a civil war veteran and his wife Matilda, aged 65, were burned to death. Both were crippled. Many other occupants of the house had narrow escapes. Financial loss $50,000.

It has not yet been decided by the department of state whether or not a neutrality proclamation shall be issued based on the formal recognition by the British government of a state of war between Great Britain and the South African republics. It is not at all unusual in these latter days to refrain entirely from the issue of neutrality proclamations.

SHORT SPECIALS.

The steamer Teutonic, sailing for Europe Wednesday, takes out 94,000 ounces of silver.

The Peter Paul Book Co., of Buffalo, N. Y., has assigned. Liabilities $55,000. Assets not stated.

Tuesday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $295,982,546; gold reserve, $241,111,980.

The transports Scott, with 33 officers and 1,086 men, and the Bavarian, with 83 officers and 2,810 men, arrived at Cape Town Tuesday.

Henry W. Purdy and George H. Wyatt, proprietors of the Hotel Metropole, on Broadway, New York, made an assignment Tuesday.

Truth announces that Emperor William has achieved one of the objects of his visit to England in having induced Queen Victoria to give a conditional promise to visit the Prussian court during the last week of April.

REVENUE BUREAU.

Commissioner Wilson Makes His Annual Report to the Secretary of the Treasury.

OPERATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR.

Receipts From All Sources in Department Aggregated $273,484,573, an Increase Over Last Year.

The Total Amount Expended in Collecting Revenues Was $4,591,754, or 1.68 Per Cent. of the Collections, the Smallest That Has Ever Been Reached.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Commissioner George W. Wilson, of the internal revenue bureau, in his report to the secretary of the treasury of the operations of his office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1899, shows that the receipts from all sources aggregated $273,484,573, an increase over the preceding year of $102,617,000, and an increase of $3,484,573 over the estimate of the commissioner made one year ago. The receipts from the several sources of revenue during the last year, and the increase or decrease in each as compared with the year 1898, are given as follows:

Spirits, $99,283,534, increase $6,736,534.

Tobacco, $52,493,207, increase $16,262,685.

Fermented liquors, $68,644,558, increase $29,129,137.

Oleomargarine, $1,956,618, increase $640,838.

Filled cheese, $18,098, increase $1,579.

Mixed flour $7,840, law not in force last year.

Special taxes not elsewhere enumerated $4,921,593. Law not in force only small part of last year.

Legacies and distributive shares of personal property $1,235,435.

Stamp taxes under schedule A, of the war revenue act, $38,618,031.

Medicinal proprietary articles and preparations required to be stamped under the schedule B, of the act, $3,219,737.

Tax on bank capital, $3,750,034.

Billiard rooms, $367,074.

Stock brokers, etc., $357,010.

Commercial brokers, $181,919.

Custom brokers, $50,522.

Bowling alleys, $61,349.

Circuses, $18,233.

All exhibitions, $125,540.

Miscellaneous, 1,085,868.

Articles withdrawn for consumption during the year are given as follows:

Spirits distilled from fruits, 1,306,218 gallons.

Spirits distilled from grain, 83,819,314 gallons; fermented liquors, 36,581,114 barrels; cigars of all kinds and weights, 1,077,287,824; cigarettes of all kinds and weights, 2,805,130,703; snuff, 14,627,108 pounds; chewing and smoking tobacco, 287,132,410 pounds; oleomargarine, 80,495,628 pounds; filled cheese, 1,688,641 pounds.

The total amount expended in the collection of revenues during the last fiscal year was $4,591,754, or 1.68 per cent. of the collections. This percentage of cost is the smallest that has ever been reached in the history of the bureau. For the fiscal year 1898 the cost was 2.29 per cent. of the collections. The estimated expenses for the next fiscal year are $4,877,340, a slight increase over the last year.

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD.

Col. Dick, of the Eighth Regiment, Nominated for Major General—Election Will Be Held December 10.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 29.—Col. C. W. F. Dick, of the 8th regiment, was nominated for major general of the Ohio National Guard at the officers' convention held here Tuesday. The election will be held on December 10, and Col. Dick's nomination insures his election, as he will have no opposition.

For commander of the 1st brigade, Col. W. V. McMaken, of the 6th regiment, Toledo, was nominated. He will have no opposition.

For commander of the 2d brigade, Col. J. C. Speaks, of the 4th regiment, Columbus, and Col. Zimmerman, of the 5th regiment, Cleveland, were nominated.

Looking for a Site.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Nov. 29.—W. N. Van Meter and H. P. Nelson, secretary and superintendent respectively, of the Smith & Barnes Piano Co., of Chicago, were in this city Tuesday looking up a location for their plant, which they propose to remove from Chicago as an outgrowth of recent labor troubles. Indications are favorable that they will occupy a portion of the old Whitely shops, removing here within two weeks. The factory employs 300 men, with an output of 100 pianos per week.

A BRITISH VICTORY.

A Battle on the Railway at Rooi Laagte, Near Gras Pan—Boers' Main Position Was Captured.

ORANGE RIVER, Monday, Nov. 27.—The British arms have achieved a brilliant victory. The enemy strongly entrenched held a range of hills commanding both sides of the railway at Rooi Laagte, near Gras Pan. The Lancashires, under Lewis, reconnoitered in an armored train on Friday. The Boers shelled the train, killing Lewis and a private.

Gen. Methuen then advanced. His column made a detour and bivouacked for the night at Swinks Pan, three miles from the Boer position.

At dawn the advance began, the guards forming the reserve. The column debouched on the plain eastward of the Boer Kapjes. The Boer guns opened fire. Two batteries of British artillery posted on each side shelled the Boers, practice being good on both sides.

The Boers stuck tenaciously to their positions, firing steadily and accurately. The duel which constantly became hotter, lasted three hours. The Boer shells wounded several men of the naval brigade.

Finding it impossible to displace the Boers by artillery, Gen. Methuen resolved upon an infantry attack. A brigade of infantry, including the Yorkshires, the Northamptons, the Northumberlands and the Lancashires, with the naval brigade on the right, gallantly stormed the Boer positions in the face of a withering fire and carried hill after hill, the brigade under Col. Money capturing the main position against a terrific fire, but suffering severely.

Ed Dunkhorst Given the Decision.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Nov. 29.—Ed Dunkhorst, of Syracuse, N. Y., was given the decision over Mike Lansing, of Rochester, N. Y., in the eighth round of what was to have been a 20-round battle before the Youngstown athletic club Tuesday night. Lansing was all but out when the bout was stopped and Dunkhorst declared the winner.

Outbreak in the Austrian Reichsrath.

VIENNA, Nov. 29.—There were tumultuous scenes in the Austrian unterhaus Tuesday growing out of a discussion of the Austro-Hungarian compromise bills. Deputy Brenznovsky, a Bohemian member, violently attacked the social democrats, who retorted with personal vituperation, calling him a "scoundrel" and a "miserable liar." The president of the chamber had considerable difficulty in restoring order.

Rebels Defeated and Scattered.

MANILA, Nov. 29.—Col. Bell has defeated and scattered the brigades of Gen. Alejandrino and Gen. San Miguel. The engagement took place on the summit of a mountain, the insurgents being so confident of the impregnability of their position that they had their families with them. The Americans captured all the enemy's ammunition and artillery.

Traffic Between Caracas and Valencia Stopped.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Nov. 29, via Haytien Cable.—In consequence of the insecurity of the German railroad, owing to the hostilities attending the attempt of the rebels under Gen. Hernandez to resist Gen. Cipriano Castro, the managers have temporarily discontinued traffic between Caracas and Valencia.

A Case of Yellow Fever on Board.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The United States transport Burnside arrived Tuesday from Havana with a case of yellow fever on board. The patient is P. E. Reider, aged 21 years, a discharged soldier of the United States hospital corps.

Archbishop Chappelle Leaves for Manila.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 29.—Archbishop Chappelle will leave here Wednesday for San Francisco, where he will embark for Manila to take up his new duties in the Philippine Islands.

Heavy Demand for Wool.

BOSTON, Nov. 29.—The heavy demand for wool here continues and prices are being forced higher for all grades. Territory wool continues to lead and prices have advanced sharply.

MARKET REPORT.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 28.

FLOUR—Spring fancy, $3.10@3.20; spring family, $3.00@3.10; spring patent, $3.75@4.00; winter fancy, $3.00@3.20; winter family, $2.35@2.70; winter patent, $3.25@3.60; extra, $2.10@2.25; low grade, $1.75@1.85; northwestern rye, $2.85@3.00; do city, $3.10@3.15.

WHEAT—Sales: Sample red, track, 68c.

HOGS—Select shippers, $3.80; select butchers, $3.85@3.90; fair to good packers, $3.75@3.85; fair to good light, $3.70@3.75; common and roughs, $3.40@3.70.

CATTLE—Fair to good shippers, $4.50@5.50; good to choice butchers, $4.40@4.90; fair to medium butchers $3.40@4.25; common, $2.80@3.85.

SHEEP—Extras, $4.75@5.85; good to choice, $3.00@4.50; common to fair, $2.00@2.60.

LAMBS—Extras, $5.40@5.50; good to choice, $5.00@5.35; common to fair, $3.75@4.75.

VEAL CALVES—Fair to good light, $6.00@6.75; common and large, $4.00@5.50.

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.

WHEAT—December, 65⅝@66c; May, 70⅝@70¾; July, 70⅝.

CORN—November, [illegible]; December, [illegible]; January, 30⅝@30⅞c; May, 32⅝@32⅞c.

OATS—November, [illegible]; December, [illegible]; May, [illegible].

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